

Serial Number 10/606,900

REMARKS

The Applicant elects **Group I, Claims 51-78** for further examination on the merits.

The election is without traverse.

Claims 79-81 have been canceled, but the Applicant reserves the right to submit a divisional application directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

A request to delete Mr. Yoshihiro HAMAKAWA as a named inventor, due to the cancellation of claims 79-81, accompanies this response.

Having thus complied with the restriction requirement made in the Official Action, early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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